

# St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

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## UPCOMING PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**March 14—St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and other events** to celebrate our Patron Saint. Please see inside the bulletin for additional information.

**March 15—Halifax Concert Band (Irish Sing Along)** 2:00 pm \$10 admission at the door. This will take place in the Church.

**April 12—Titanic Remembered in 3rd class** — A catered Roast Beef Dinner with words and music of the Titanic.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**St. Catherine's Church, 6476 Bayers Rd, Halifax.** Will have A Chowder Luncheon (Fish & Corn) each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) following 12:00 noon Mass. Hosted by the CWL. Price is \$8.

**The 5th Regional Catholic Men's "Weekend of Grace for Men" Retreat** will take place from April 24-26th 2015 at Bayside Camp at 1503 Ketch Harbour Road, Sambro Head, NS. Guest speaker will be Deacon Ralph Poyo, <http://www.deaconralphpoyo.com/> from the USA and founder of New Evangelization Ministries: <http://newevangelizationministries.org/> with Fr. Rob Arsenault and Fr. Mark Cherry as Retreat Chaplains!

Registration fee includes 2 night's accommodation and 5 delicious meals. Come join us for an enjoyable weekend of prayer, great teaching, music and fellowship. For further information or a registration form, please visit [www.weekendofgrace.com](http://www.weekendofgrace.com) or call Marcel at 902-449-7613 or Tony at (902) 435-1568.

**Complementary copies of the Word Among us for all Lenten celebrations** (daily, Sundays and Holy Week) have been placed in the Church pews. You may take them for your own personal use during Lent or just leave them in the pews during our Lenten Season.



3rd Sunday of Lent March 8, 2015



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**Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.**

**Reconciliation by Appointment**

**2nd Sun. of Lent (March 15)**

**Read 1:** Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

**Read 2** 1 Cor. 10.31-11.1 **Gospel: Mark 1.40-45**

**Jesuit Centre of Spirituality 2287  
Brunswick St.—902-429-7344:**

The Parish is blessed to have the Jesuit Centre just down the street. Under the direction of Father Jean-Marc Laporte, S.J. who is also Priest-in-Charge of our Parish, the Centre welcomes people of all faiths into their home for day retreats, residential retreats, workshops and programs. The Centre is also supported by Father Trevor Scott, S.J. and a number of staff associates who are available to give individual spiritual direction.

## Upcoming Events

### Seminar Series:

**March 18—April 8, 22 (7 to 9 pm)**

***The Joy of Pope Francis—Gentle breeze and powerful wind.***

Father Jean-Marc will lead this 4-part series. Pope Francis' first apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, invites all of us to bring the Gospel to others, as he does, with joy. This letter bears a careful reading, reflection, prayer and discussion. What does it mean for us in our own context? Suggested offering: \$25 per session; \$75 for all four.

## Living with Limits, Living Well!

The care of our endangered planet offered by the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality in conjunction with Development and Peace, Halifax-Yarmouth. Video presentations, group conversation, use of a workbook published by the Canadian Catholic Bishops' Conference. Unbridled economic growth, increased inequality, spoiling our planet: How can we maintain our growth and still hand over a beautiful world to future generations: Thurs. March 12, 19 and 26, 7 pm to 9 pm. Workbook \$15, and a freewill offering for the session.

### Parish Financial Information

Feb. 22, 2015	Mar. 1, 2015
37 Env. \$1215.00	57 Env. \$ 1790.00
24 PAR \$375.00	24 PAR \$ 375.00
Loose \$166.40	Loose \$ 265.20
<b>Total \$1756.40</b>	<b>Total \$ 2430.20</b>

**P.A.R. Means Pre Authorized Remittance** and is a strongly recommended method of contributing to our parish. To make regular donations through P.A.R. please pick up an application form on the entry counter in the church or contact the parish office. Thank you.

**2014 Income Tax receipts** are available at the back of the church in the box marked **TAX Receipts**.

**Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax:** Due to the recent weather challenges, the following information may be helpful: **Mount Olivet Cemetery** we would request you delay your visit for a week or so as the roads are very slippery for cars and for walking, and we are closed to burials for a short time. **Gate of Heaven Cemetery** is open, but care should be taken for your own safety. **Holy Cross Cemetery**, access is limited to the main road entry only.

### Easter Flowers:

Would you like to make a donation towards Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones? In an envelope marked "Flowers" on the outside, please list your name and mailing address, the name (s) of your loved one (s) and your donation. Then place the envelop in the collection basket. Beginning at the Easter Vigil, the names of your loved one (s) will be posted in the Church entry.

Fr. Jean-Marc is giving a Parish Mission at the neighbouring parish of Blessed Mother Teresa (6032 Normandy Drive in the North End)

**The Theme: The Joy of the Gospel**  
(Pope Francis' recent exhortation)

**7 pm, Monday March 9:**  
**Prayer Service and Presentation by Fr. J-M**  
**7 pm, Tuesday March 10:**  
**Presentation and Penitential Service**  
**7 pm, Wednesday March 11:**  
**Closing Mass and Presentation**

**Volunteers and Contributions Requested for St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Festivities:** Many people in our community will generously contribute their time and talent to make this annual event a success. To date we have members of the community who have volunteered to prepare the Irish Stew, bake the soda bread and cupcakes. Other members of the community have already offered to donate the coffee and tea and to provide for decorations and set-up of the hall. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help to date. The largest expense of this event is the cost of preparing the Irish Stew for 200 people. If you would like to make a donation to defray these overhead costs, please place your contribution in an envelope marked St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and place it in the Sunday collection basket. For further info. please see Michele O'Neill.

### Bridge Construction notice

Overnight bridge closures began on March 1st, Sunday to Thursday's from 7:00 pm to 5:30 am. Most of the time, the sidewalk and bike lane will not be affected from March until the end of June. Sidewalk and bike lane removed and shuttle service begins on June 29, 2015 more info contact [www.thebiglift.ca](http://www.thebiglift.ca)

**Tickets Available for St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Festivities:** Tickets are now available at the back of the church for our annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Lunch to be held on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon.** Tickets are **\$10.00 person or \$20 for a family.**

### Please Note 2015 Lenten Mission STARTS TODAY

This Lent, Archbishop Mancini invites you to a three part study series to break open the content of his 2014 Pastoral Letter "Lord, Where Are You going?" and specifically consider our three Key Themes: Mission, Community and Formation. Each session includes a short video with Archbishop Mancini and a local "Thought leader" discussing the theme, a time of prayer and gospel reading, guided discussion and an individual discernment survey. Our Lenten Mission will take place after our weekend Masses of **March 8, 15 and 22.** We expect the mission to extend for 1 (one) hour after each Mass.



### Sunday, The Third Week in Lent (The Way of Prayer)

*He took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them saying, This is my body given for you."*

Jesus, the broken bread is your broken body, laid down for me. No one took your life, but you laid it down, willingly going to the cross. You had a choice and you chose me. Following your way means I now desire to live a life worthy of that sacrifice. Strengthen me as I choose to live my life for you. Amen *by Susan Senechal*

**NEXT HOPE COTTAGE MEAL —  
March 13—Group III - to be announced**

**Registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation** – Parents are asked to fill out a registration form for children age 7 or older who are ready to prepare for receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation/ First Communion in the Spring of 2016. Preparation will begin in September 2015 and continue through to the Spring of 2016. Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Please return completed forms to Michele O'Neill. A meeting of parents of children in the parish will be organized in April to present and discuss the *Be My Disciples* teaching resource and the format for sacramental preparation that will be used. If you have any questions, please see Michele.

**The Archdiocesan Bulletin:** is no longer published. Parishes now receive a weekly information service containing news items on various topics. As well a monthly journal containing articles aimed at deepening our understanding and knowledge of Catholic traditions will also come to the Parish. **Our Parish Bulletin** will try to incorporate much of what is forwarded. As a parishioner you can have the Archdiocese's weekly information service and the monthly journal sent directly to your own email box by subscribing. [www.halifaxarmouth.org](http://www.halifaxarmouth.org) and complete the form that is provided.



That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sic, elderly and the outcast..."come and see". Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness." *Pope Francis, Easter Sunday, Urbi et Orbi message, April, 22, 2014.*  
Anne Osdieck